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## **The Washington Merry-Go-Round**

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### **White's Ghost Writer**

Sen. Bill Fulbright of Arkansas, distinguished chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was so furious over a recent column by William S. White that he telephoned President Johnson and in effect accused Mr. Johnson of being White's ghost writer.

White, a friend of the President, wrote that Fulbright had been unable to keep his committee on the track and had pushed his own foreign policy, not the President's. Fulbright suspected that Mr. Johnson had told White to write the column, inasmuch as the President had made the same complaint in private.

Anyway, the Senator got the President on the phone and told him he was deeply offended. Mr. Johnson denied whispering any ideas to White, but the Senator wasn't entirely convinced. He remembered the column White wrote at the President's request praising Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.), for supporting Administration foreign policy.